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	Examiner Cheryl M. Reid	Art Unit 2142

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/14/05
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-42 have been examined.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 10, 19, 27, and 35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer et al (US 5884325) in view of Hertzog et al (US 20030069874).
4. In regards to claims 1, 10, 19, Bauer teaches of : a distributed store comprising a primary state of session data (fig 1, item 10/20a-23x), Examiner is interpreting "distributed store" as any computing element that has the capability to store data such as a client or server because this gives the broadest reasonable interpretation, wherein the primary state of the session data comprises a plurality of attributes (col 2, lines 15-17); a first one of the application servers comprising a client state of the session data (col 2, line 9), wherein the application server is configured to provide access to the client state of the session data to processes executing within the application server (col 1,

lines 60-62); wherein the system is configured to: compare the client state to a benchmark of the client state to determine a subset of the attributes that have been modified in the client state (col 2, lines 13-15); and synchronize the primary state with the client state according to the subset of the attributes (col 2, lines 63-64). Bauer does not explicitly teach of a plurality of application servers. In an analogous art, Hertzog teaches on this aspect (Fig 1, item 16) wherein the server farm consist of a plurality of application servers such as item 40, and item 42. Examiner is interpreting "application server" as any server that is a server program on a computer in a distributed network that handles the business logic between users and backend business applications or databases (definition obtained from Microsoft Computer Dictionary). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of invention to incorporate the above teachings because the inventions are analogous art. One of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of invention would have been motivated for the reasons discussed by Hertzog (Paragraph [0004]).

5. In regards to claims 27 and 35 Bauer teaches of determining a subset of attributes in a client state of session data on a first application server that have been modified (col 2, lines 13-15), wherein the session data is accessible to one or more processes executing within the application server (col 1, lines 60-62); and synchronizing a primary state of session data on a distributed store with the client state according to the subset of the attributes (col 2, lines 63-64), wherein the primary state is accessible including the first application server (col 1, lines 66-67). Bauer does not explicitly teach of a plurality of application servers. In an analogous art, Hertzog teaches on this aspect

(Fig 1, item 16) wherein the server farm consist of a plurality of application servers such as item 40, and item 42. Examiner is interpreting "application server" as any server that is a server program on a computer in a distributed network that handles the business logic between users and backend business applications or databases (definition obtained from Microsoft Computer Dictionary). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of invention to incorporate the above teachings because the inventions are analogous art. One of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of invention would have been motivated for the reasons discussed by Hertzog (Paragraph [0004]).

6. In regards to claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-26, 28-34, and 36-42, the rejection was set forth in the previous office action mailed on 4/05/05.

Conclusion

7. This action is non-final.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl M. Reid whose telephone number is 571 272 3903. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri (7-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571)272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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